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SUPPLY SHORTAGES SLOW BUDAPEST SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION

Construction of the Budapest Subway is being retarded by many cases of nondelivery of machinery and equipment.

The Szallitoberendezesek Gyara (Shipping Installations Factory) has asked for an extension of its deadline for delivering four 15-ton hand coilers. Ordered in August 1950, the coilers were due in August 1952.

MAVAG (Magyar Allami Vas, Acel es Gepgyar, Hungarian State Iron, Steel, and Machine Factory) delivered only 4 of the 21 pumps due in September and is in arrears on a previous shipment of pumps as well. The Felvonogyar (Elevator Factory), which was to have shipped freight elevators to the work sites as each began operating, has consistently had its deadline extended and has just broken its third contract. The one elevator finally delivered to one of the work sites was faulty; it was geared in such a manner that it operated at three times its normal speed and forced the workers in the shaft to depend on buckets and pulleys for another 2 months.

To complicate matters, MAVAG has been shipping compressors which can be utilized at only half capacity. Moreover, the Diosgyori Kohaszi Uzemek (Diosgyor Metallurgical Works), the Rakosi Matyas Muvek (Matyas Rakosi Works), and the Voros Csillag Traktorgyar (Red Star Tractor Factory) have been providing less than one third, 70 percent, and one fifth, respectively, of the tubing they were required to deliver.

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